

717.

The State [Roads Commission of Maryland] HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION may [make application] APPLY to the [Board] DIVISION of Correction, similar to the [board] BOARDS of county commissioners, for a State convict road force for the construction and maintenance of State [roads] HIGHWAYS, and be under the same requirements and conditions as are herein set forth for the [said board] BOARDS of county commissioners or other county roads [board] BOARDS of the State of Maryland.

721.

Upon receiving such information, the Governor is authorized, from time to time, to assign such and as many of said prisoners to the State [Roads Commission] HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION as that [Commission] ADMINISTRATION can profitably employ in the construction, repair, or maintenance of any of the public [roads] HIGHWAYS and bridges under its jurisdiction, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the State [Roads Commission] HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION so to employ such prisoners.

722.

The county commissioners of any county and the governing body of any town or city other than Baltimore City[,] may from time to time request the Governor to furnish them, respectively, with such number of prisoners as they can profitably employ in the construction, repair, or maintenance of any of the public roads, streets, or bridges under their respective jurisdictions; and after the Governor has assigned the prisoners to the State [Roads Commission] HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION under § 721, such of the total number of prisoners certified to him under § 720 as may then remain, may be assigned by the Governor, in such numbers as he may deem equitable, among and to the employ of the cities, towns, and counties so applying as aforesaid, for work upon the public roads and streets thereof.

723.

It shall be the duty of the [Board] DIVISION of Correction to provide for the guarding, transportation, lodging, feeding, clothing, and medical and other care and attention of such prisoners while employed on road work under §§ 719 to 726, or to make such arrangements therefor as it may deem adequate and proper; and said [Board] DIVISION may make such rules and regulations as may be necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of said sections. When prisoners are assigned to the State [Roads Commission] HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION under § 721, the aforesaid expenses shall be paid by the State, but when prisoners are assigned UNDER §722 to any city, town or county[,] at its request, [under § 722] said expenses